

## CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

1           1.     A headwear and clothing packaging system comprising:  
2                     headwear having a bottom portion and a top portion, said headwear having  
3     an expanded state, a collapsed state, and a storage state;  
4                     said expanded state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
5     portion being open such that said headwear forms an open dome;  
6                     said collapsed state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
7     portion being closed by flattening said bottom portion onto itself such that said  
8     headwear forms a flat dome;  
9                     said storage state being defined by said headwear being disposed in  
10    said collapsed state and deformed around an axis transverse to a width measured  
11    along said bottom portion of said hat;  
12                    clothing being deformed in a cylinder shape; and  
13                    a holding element;  
14                    wherein said headwear is disposed in said storage state around said  
15    clothing and said holding element is disposed around said headwear.

1           2.     The headwear and clothing packaging system of claim 1, wherein said  
2     holding element comprises a strap.

1           3.     The headwear and clothing packaging system of claim 1, wherein said  
2     storage state is defined by said headwear being disposed in a collapsed state and  
3     deformed around the axis into an arc.

1           4.     The headwear and clothing packaging system of claim 1, wherein said  
2     storage state is defined by said headwear disposed in a collapsed state and deformed  
3     around the axis into a cylinder.

1           5.     A headwear and clothing packaging system comprising:  
2                     headwear having a bottom portion and a top portion, said headwear having  
3     an expanded state, a collapsed state, and a storage state;  
4                     said expanded state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
5     portion being open such that said headwear forms an open dome;  
6                     said collapsed state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
7     portion being closed by flattening said bottom portion onto itself such that said  
8     headwear forms a flat dome;  
9                     said storage state being defined by said headwear being disposed in  
10    said collapsed state and deformed around an axis parallel to a width measured  
11    along said bottom portion of said hat;  
12                    clothing being deformed in a cylinder shape; and  
13                    a holding element;  
14                    wherein said headwear is disposed in said storage state around said  
15    clothing and said holding element is disposed around said headwear.

1           6.     The headwear and clothing packaging system of claim 5 wherein said  
2     storage state is defined by said headwear being disposed in a collapsed state and  
3     deformed around the axis into an arc.

1           7.     The headwear and clothing packaging system of claim 5 wherein said  
2     storage state is defined by said headwear being disposed in a collapsed state and  
3     deformed around the axis into a cylinder.

1           8.     A method of packaging headwear and clothing comprising the steps of:  
2                 providing headwear having a bottom portion and a top portion, said  
3 headwear having an expanded state, a collapsed state, and a storage state;  
4                 said expanded state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
5 portion being open such that said headwear forms an open dome;  
6                 said collapsed state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
7 portion being closed by flattening said bottom portion onto itself such that said  
8 headwear forms a flat dome;  
9                 said storage state being defined by said headwear being disposed in  
10 said collapsed state and deformed around an axis transverse to a width measured  
11 along said bottom portion of said hat.  
12                 providing clothing;  
13                 providing a holding element;  
14                 deforming said headwear into said storage state;  
15                 disposing said clothing into a cylinder shape;  
16                 disposing said headwear around said clothing; and  
17                 fixing said headwear around said clothing with said holding element.

1           9.     The method of claim 8, wherein said step of providing a holding element  
2 comprises providing a strap.

1           10.    The method of claim 8, wherein said step of deforming said headwear in to  
2 said storage state comprises deforming said headwear into an arc shape.

1           11.    The method of claim 8, wherein said step of deforming said headwear in to  
2 said storage state comprises deforming said headwear into a cylinder shape.

1           12.    A method of packaging headwear and clothing comprising the steps of:  
2                    providing headwear having a bottom portion and a top portion, said  
3 headwear having an expanded state, a collapsed state, and a storage state;  
4                    said expanded state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
5 portion being open such that said headwear forms an open dome;  
6                    said collapsed state of said headwear being defined by said bottom  
7 portion being closed by flattening said bottom portion onto itself such that said  
8 headwear forms a flat dome;  
9                    said storage state being defined by said headwear being disposed in  
10 said collapsed state and deformed around an axis parallel to a width measured  
11 along said bottom portion of said hat.  
12                providing clothing;  
13                providing a holding element;  
14                deforming said headwear into said storage state;  
15                disposing said clothing into a cylinder shape;  
16                disposing said headwear around said clothing; and  
17                fixing said headwear around said clothing with said holding element.

1           13.    The method of claim 12 wherein said step of deforming said headwear in to said  
2 storage state comprises deforming said headwear into an arc shape.

1           14.    The method of claim 12 wherein said step of deforming said headwear in to said  
2 storage state comprises deforming said headwear into a cylinder shape.